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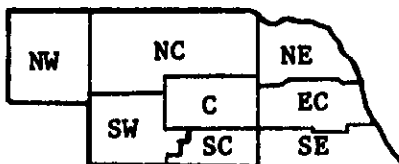
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WEATHER

The week was cool and dry with much snow from the previous weekend's heavy snowfall melting. Average temperatures ranged from three degrees below normal in the west to ten degrees below normal in the east. Traces of precipitation were common.

GENERAL

Severe winter storms across the State during the last week of March halted all early fieldwork activities. Mild temperatures early in the month allowed farmers in some areas to plow fields and apply fertilizer. Snowfall varied across the State with heavier amounts in the central and eastern parts of the State. High winds caused large drifts in many areas, closing many highways and county roads and posing problems to Nebraska's livestock producers. Warmer temperatures returned during the week of March 29-April 5. The runoff from the melting snow has caused some erosion and flooding in the lowland areas. The major farm activities returned to machinery maintenance, livestock care and planning for the 1987 crop year.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition rated 32% fair, 58% good and 10% excellent, compared to 29% fair, 62% good and 9% excellent last month. There has been virtually no winterkill but erosion and lowland flooding threaten some areas. Late planted areas are questionable. Soil moisture levels are saturated in many areas.

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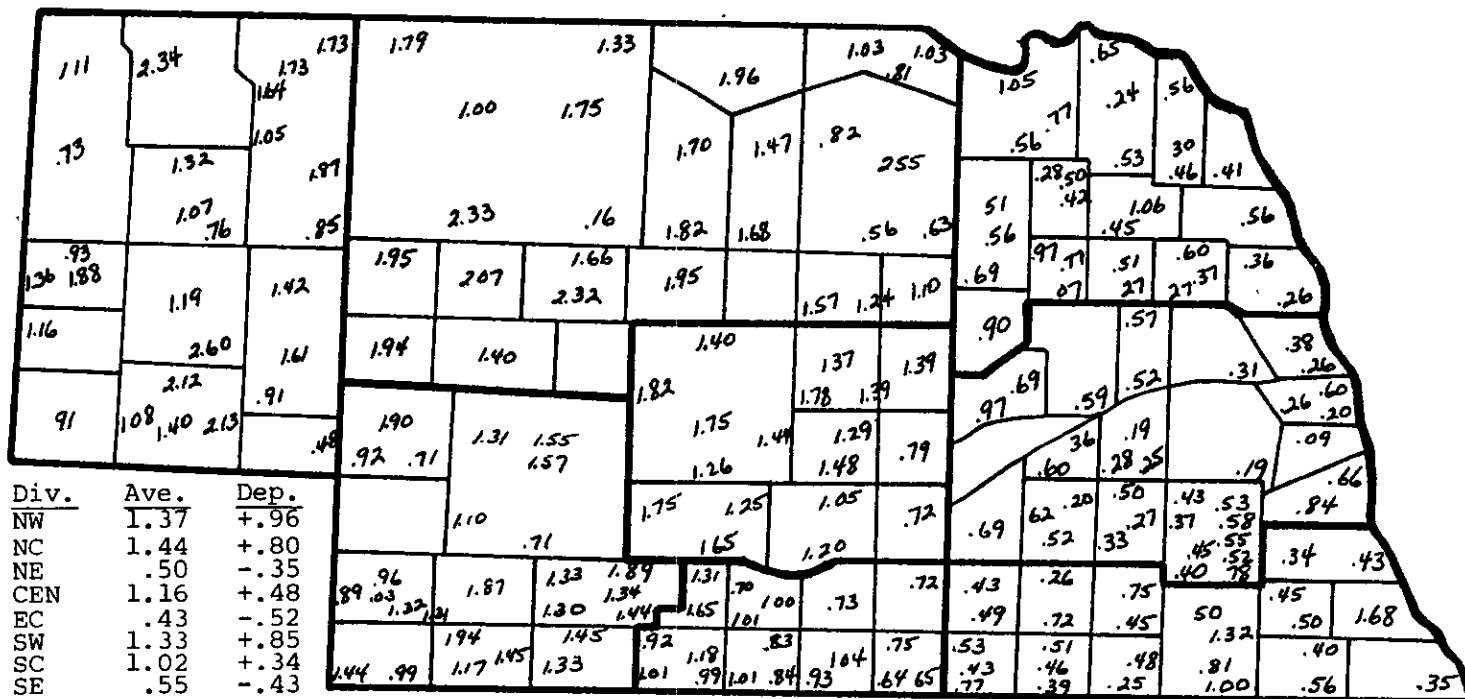
Calving was in full swing in most areas when the snow and high winds swept across the State. Losses were varied, with the central and eastern counties reporting higher than normal calf losses. Some feedlot losses were also reported as weather conditions intensified livestock management and upkeep activities. Feed grain, hay and forage supplies rated mostly surplus. Range and pasture feed supplies rated mostly adequate.

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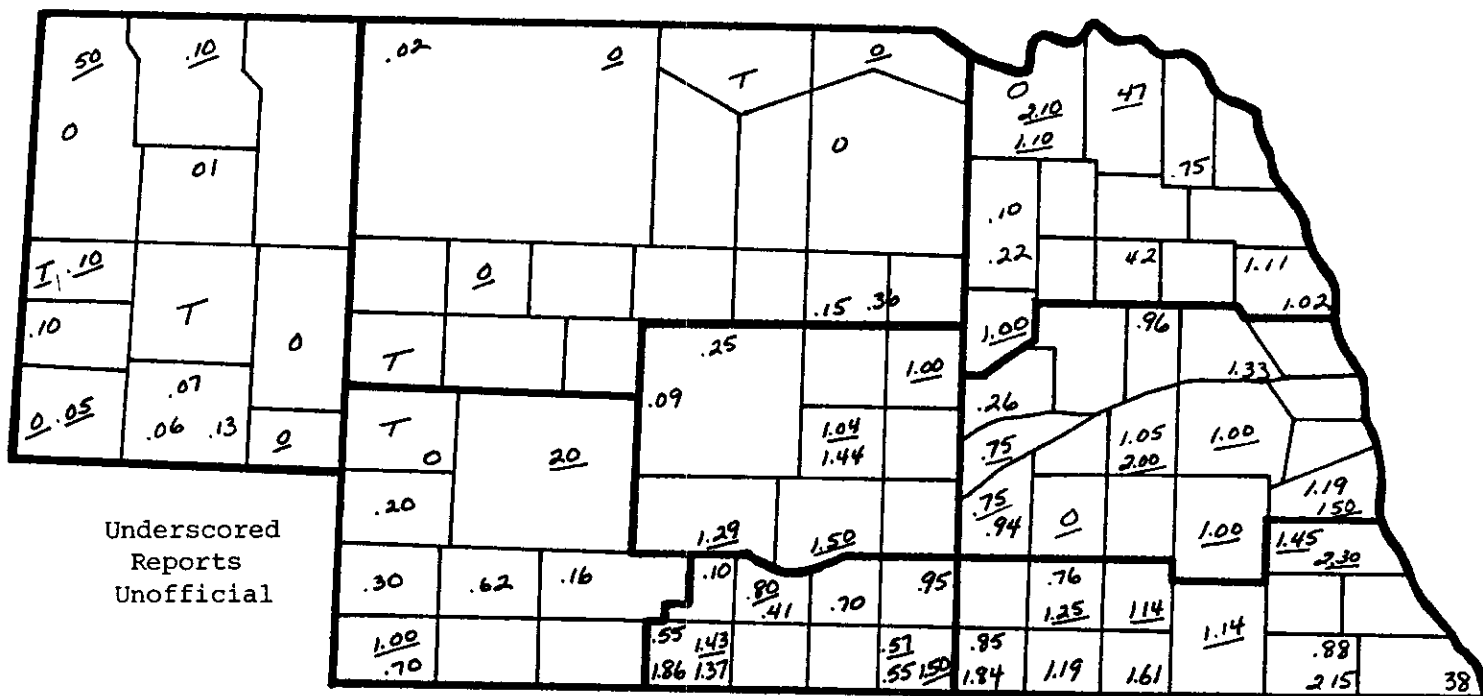
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1987 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1987

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	60	5	37	--
	Scottsbluff	64	7	38	-3
	Sidney	61	9	38	--
NC	Ord	59	8	36	--
	Valentine	62	4	36	-3
NE	Norfolk	62	11	36	-6
	Sioux City	67	12	36	-7
CEN	Grand Island	57	2	34	-10
EC	Lincoln	60	10	35	-10
	Omaha	60	11	35	-9
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	66	7	37	-5

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.